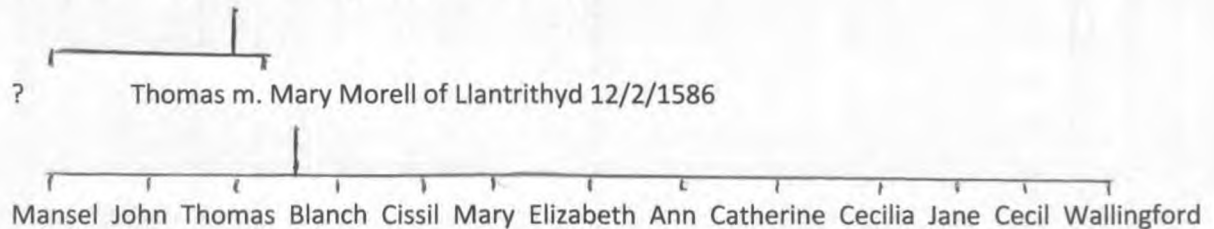


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Aubrey family – from Limbus Patman (*notes of Jeff Alden, typed from his handwriting by B Alden*)

William Aubrey m. Walingford Williams



Cecilia m. David Jenkins of Hensol (Judge of the Welsh Western Circuit) at Llantrithyd on 1st September 1614

Their children were : David, Richard, Evan, William, Mayzod (?), Catherine, Mary, Cecil, Ann + other

From: [REDACTED]
To: dic [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 3:03 PM
Subject: Cowbridge history

Hello Dick

I hope that you don't mind me contacting you "out of the blue" but I saw your name on the hubcowbridge website as being connected with the local history society.

I have been researching my family tree for many years and my father's family go back many centuries in the Vale of Glamorgan (I have tried in vain so far to connect them to the aristocratic Aubreys of Llantrythid - probably an illegitimate birth somewhere!). I myself am not local to Cowbridge which makes research a bit more difficult (I live in Staffordshire).

My gggg grandfather's brother John Aubrey (1775-1854) lived most of his life in

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Cowbridge and is buried in the parish church and in the 1830s at least three of his sons left Wales - two went to India and one, William Aubrey (b Cowbridge 1809) found adventure in the USA, becoming a trader in the Mexican Wars and an officer in the Civil War. He also married the daughter of an eminent politician John Forsyth who was a congressman, senator and even US Secretary of State overseeing the acquisition of Florida from the Spanish. In addition most of William Aubrey's sons became senior lawyers and judges. I wondered if anyone had researched this in your locality or if you could put me in touch with anyone who might have any information on the subject or interest in it?

Thanks for your attention and I attach a picture of William Aubrey and a short biography of him.

Regards

Glyn Aubrey

Betty Alden

From: Glyn Aubrey [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 December 2014 00:13
To: Betty Alden
Subject: Re: Cowbridge history
Attachments: Richard Aubrey 1825-99 painted 1879.jpg

Richard Aubrey's grandfather was Morgan Aubrey (1768-1846) of CaeMaen farm Llantrythid, brother of John Aubrey (1775-1854) of Cowbridge (mentioned in your attached document - the given age at his death is slightly wrong) and also brother of my gggg grandfather Thomas Aubrey (1766-1851) who was also a wheelwright and publican, but at Porthkerry (Barry), licensee of the Whitehall Inn (now The Highwayman) Nurston, now on the edge of the airport. Another brother was William Aubrey (1764 -1819) of Porthkerry farm.

All these brothers were born in Llangynwyd which is near Bridgend. The John Aubrey who died aged 82 (sic) in 1854 is credited with a birthplace of Margam in the 1851 census, I think, but this is actually Llangynwyd nearby.

To answer your question then, Richard Aubrey (1825-1899) was my 2nd cousin 4 times removed. His father was Richard Aubrey (b llantrythid 1794, married St Hilary, died Cowbridge and buried St Hilary 1825). The younger Richard in 1841 was a farm servant at Coed Hill Farm.

Thank you very much for the picture and very interesting document about the history of the Tennis Court Inn - it ties in with my research. It took a long time to connect Richard Aubrey with my other Aubreys, largely because his father died as soon as he was born and I have found no re marriage for his mother.

I presume that you have see the attached portrait of Richard Aubrey?

Best wishes
 Glyn Aubrey

On Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 6:42 PM, Betty Alden <bettyalden1@gmail.com> wrote:

From: Glyn Aubrey [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2014 17:53
To: Betty Alden
Subject: Re: Cowbridge history

Many thanks Betty - there's a lot to find out and I have already done a fair bit. It was just the story of William Aubrey of Cowbridge who went to the USA which I thought might have interested someone in locally.

There was another branch of the Aubrey family in Cowbridge in the 19th century which was engaged in wheelwrighting and farm wagon manufacture. They also kept an inn called The Tennis Court or, informally the Wheelwrights' Arms, which later became the Pavilion cinema (has blue plaque now). Richard Aubrey (1825-99) of this address is responsible for the design of the Glamorgan farm wagon which can be seen at St Fagan's museum.

Best wishes

Glyn Aubrey

Betty Alden

From: Glyn Aubrey [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 December 2014 15:18
To: Betty Alden
Subject: Re: Cowbridge history
Attachments: William Aubrey.jpg; Elizabeth Aubrey nee David 1825-1906 painted 1879.jpg; William Aubrey story.docx; WP Aubrey story.docx

Hello Betty

I visited Cowbridge last year but just for an afternoon (I then got off the bus at the Aubrey Arms and walked down to Llantrythid for a look in the church - my father and his always mentioned family legends about the Aubrey family and Llantrythid). I would like to visit again sometime.

The portrait of Richard Aubrey came from a genealogical contact online. I attach a portrait also of his wife, as well as the requested one of William Aubrey and his story - he would have been a cousin of Richard.

William is sometimes described as William P Aubrey, especially on American websites (he was married as such) - I don't know where this comes from, though he had two brothers who both went to India and while there they both married, adding the middle name Portrey or Poutray for some reason. William P could have been this, though I have seen it rendered as Patrick (or even Hargraves!). His story is one of wars, adventure and travel. He married the daughter of John Forsyth who was a congressman, senator and even Secretary of State (foreign minister) and confidant of the president. There are some errors in some of the documents - William was definitely born in Cowbridge in 1809 (not 1806) and his mother was Catherine (not Katherine) Llewellyn Thomas.

It would be much easier for you to see all this stuff on my online family tree which is there on Ancestry.co.uk - I can send you an invite and then you accept and can see the tree and save any pictures or documents etc - let me know if you want to do this.

Best wishes

Glyn Aubrey

ps any info on the velocipede incident would be interesting!

On Tue, Dec 16, 2014 at 7:56 AM, Betty Alden <bettyalden1@gmail.com> wrote:

I haven't seen this portrait - very many thanks. I've printed it out for the History Room and also saved it digitally. I haven't yet seen the portrait and document relating to William Aubrey (presumably you sent it to Dick Tonkin?). If you can send it to me, I'd be very grateful. You seem to know a huge amount about your family (you'll have to visit this area one day!). I'm not sure I can add any more, but let me know if you think there's anything else I can do. I know all the places like Llangynwyd, Coed Hills farm (where incidentally the granddaughter of Baden Powell, Jill Clay, now lives), the Highwayman pub etc. Richard Aubrey was certainly a character in this town - did I send you the notes about him inventing a velocipede, which sadly crashed when he tried it out on Stalling Down, on the east side of Cowbridge?

From: Glyn Aubrey [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 December 2014 00:13

To: Betty Alden
Subject: Re: Cowbridge history

Richard Aubrey's grandfather was Morgan Aubrey (1768-1846) of CaeMaen farm Llantrythid,



William Aubrey

Born 1806 in Cowbridge, Wales, UK ♀

Son of John Aubrey and Katherine Thomas

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of Rosa M. Forsyth — married December 18, 1850 in Columbus, GA ♀

Father of George H. Aubrey, William Aubrey and Katherine (Aubrey) Johnston

Died 1880 in Cartersville, GA ♀

Biography

William Aubrey was born in 1806 near Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, Wales. At sixteen, William came to America and settled in Mobile, AL. He had a "mercantile business" in Mobile and was active in the war for Texas independence. He was a colonel under Sam Houston; in the family archives is a copy of a short note from Houston. He was one of the founders of Corpus Christi, TX. It is said that he found a large lump of silver in Mexico that was later made into tablespoons engraved with the name Aubrey in script.

On Dec. 18, 1850, William Aubrey married Rosa Matilda Forsyth in Columbus, GA. After the marriage William and Rosa lived in Columbus and Mobile before moving to Baltimore sometime before 1860. A Baltimore city directory of 1860 shows Aubrey and Company, "commission merchants and dealers in foreign and domestic liquors" at 61 Exchange Place, an important commercial area just a block or two from the Inner Harbor. Their home address was 56 West Madison Street, then as now an elegant site in Baltimore's Mount Vernon Place Historic District.

During the Civil War, William Aubrey was a member of the staff of Gen. Josiah Gorgas, Chief of Ordinance, in Richmond, VA. After his Baltimore property was confiscated following the Civil War, William and Rosa moved, c. 1873, to a farm in Bartow county (GA), eight miles north of Cartersville. Caroline Couper Stiles Lovell writes in her memoirs, "There were four sons and a younger daughter named Katie in the Aubrey family. They were all intellectual and ambitious. In spite of limited means, the three oldest sons became lawyers; Llewellyn, the third, educated himself entirely at home." William Aubrey died in 1880 and is buried in a family plot on the Neel property at Aubrey, GA.

From The Free Press, Cartersville, GA, 29 Apr 1880, pg 3. Transcribed by Laurel Baty

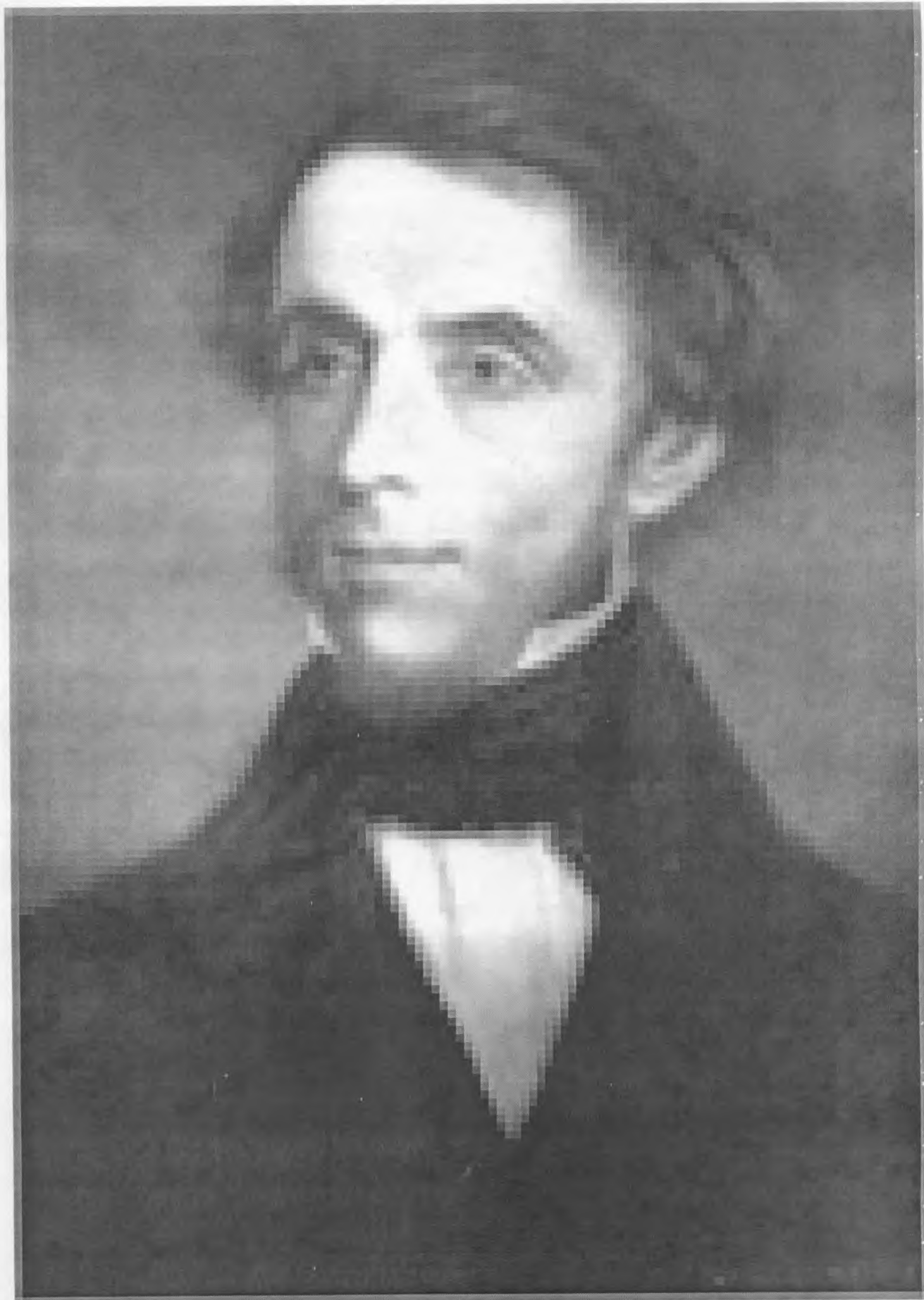
Death of a Quiet But a Very Remarkable Man.

Mr. William Aubrey departed this life after a long and painful illness at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, at his residence eight miles north of Cartersville.

Mr. Aubrey's life was an eventful one. As he was a retiring man, loth to speak of himself, or his past history, even to his family, many of its leading incidents and features may never become known. He was born about the year 1806 in Wales, near Cardiff, and was the son of an English gentleman. At the age of sixteen he came to America and settled at Mobile, where he entered mercantile pursuits and in a very short time amassed a fortune. At the outbreak of the Texas war for independence his love for adventure induced him to give up business and enlist with the Texans whose ranks he entered as an officer in the volunteers.—For eight years he was in Texas, and it was during these eight years that but little is known of his history. He rose to the rank of colonel and papers in the possession of his family show he must have held positions of high trust there. By some misfortune he lost his fortune and returned to Mobile to again build it up. He shortly afterwards led to the altar Miss Rosa Forsyth, daughter of the distinguished John Forsyth and, after this event, he, with his young wife, spent several years in England. Returning to America, he settled in Baltimore where he again entered mercantile pursuits, there making his second fortune. His property, which is said by those who knew him in those days, to have been very large, was confiscated by the United States government during the late war. In 1873 he came to Bartow county and purchased the farm whereon he died.—His life with us one of quiet and retirement. His circle of acquaintances was quite small but these few held him in the very highest esteem. He leaves his wife and five children, the oldest, George, in California, William and Llewellyn in Texas, Harry and a daughter, Miss Kate, the youngest children at home.

As we have stated, Mr. Aubrey was ill for several months before his death. He accepted dissolution as inevitable and made all arrangements concerning his burial several days before his demise, which were carried out minutely by the surviving ones. A plain coffin, made by a neighbor, held his remains, which were borne by four colored men living on the place to the grave yard about three hundred yards in the rear of the house in a little wood, where Maj. Chas. H. Smith, his neighbor, read the burial service of the church. These details were all his requests. There were but few at this simple but impressive burial, because it was his desire that it should be conducted as quietly and with as little inconvenience to the world as possible.

Maj. Chas. H. Smith (Bill Arp) has promised us to gather together as many fragments from the past history of the deceased as he can and weave them together, that we may give the, to our county people. The remarkable career of the deceased will afford a subject upon which the major can prepare a most interesting sketch.



N^o 151 } Edward Prichard of the Parish Bachelor
 and Margaret David Spinster were
 Married in this Church by Banns
 this seventeenth Day of June in the Year One Thousand & eight Hundred

and By me Wm Williams Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { The Mark of Edward Prichard
The Mark of Margaret David

In the Presence of { John Jenkins
John Poffey

N^o 152 } William Sweeting of the Parish Bachelor
 and Gwen Deere of this Parish Spinster were
 Married in this Church by Banns
 this thirtieth Day of August in the Year One Thousand & eight Hundred

and By me Wm Williams Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { The Mark of William Sweeting
Gwen Deere

In the Presence of { John Jenkins
The Mark of David + John

N^o 153 } John Jenkins of the Parish Bachelor
 and Jane Thomas of this Parish Spinster were
 Married in this Church by Banns
 this thirteenth Day of September in the Year One Thousand & eight Hundred

and By me Wm Williams Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { The Mark of John Jenkins
The Mark of Jane + Thomas

In the Presence of { Ann Sturdee
John Jenkins

N^o 154 } John Aubrey of the Parish Bachelor
 and Catherine Thomas of this Parish Spinster were
 Married in this Church by Licence
 this twenty second Day of October in the Year One Thousand & eight Hundred

and By me Wm Williams Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { John Aubrey
Catherine Thomas

In the Presence of { Wm Aubrey
Oliver Thomas

William Aubrey research

Information from descendant Aubrey Emory, February 2019, researched by internet from USA :

Thomas Aubrey 1706-1738	married	?
Richard Aubrey 1734-1784	married	Ann John 1738- ?
John Aubrey 1775-1854	married	Catherine Thomas 1776-1828
William P Aubrey 1809-1880	married	Rosa Forsyth

Siblings of William P. Aubrey : Ambrose, Catherine, John, Richard, Catherine, Elizabeth, Ellen Loder Aubrey. (N.B. 'Loder' suggests a connection with the prominent Carne family in & around Cowbridge).

Children of William P. & Rosa Aubrey : George H. Aubrey, William Aubrey, Llewellyn Aubrey, Henry M. Aubrey, Katherine Aubrey

Subsequent research by Brian James and Betty Alden:

The Aubreys, Brian believes, were from Breconshire (in the middle ages) and this particular branch came to Cowbridge via Margam, West Glamorgan. He has not been able to trace any connection between them and the Llantrithyd Aubreys however; nor with the family of Richard Aubrey, the 19th century Cowbridge wheelwright & publican who was born in St Hilary, just outside Cowbridge :

Marriage of John Aubrey, of this parish, and Catherine Thomas, of this parish, on 22nd October 1800, at Holy Cross church, Cowbridge; married by licence by William Williams; witnessed by William Aubrey and Elizabeth Thomas. *Copy of certificate*

(Marriage 'by licence', as oppose to 'banns' suggests John Aubrey was of some status, as he would have had to pay for this licence).

Baptisms in Holy Cross church, Cowbridge :

Richard Aubrey, father John and mother Catherine	3 rd December 1807
Ambrose Aubrey, father John, mother Catherine	3 rd December 1807
William Aubrey, father John, mother Catherine	9 th December 1809
Catherine Aubrey, father John, shopkeeper, and mother Catherine	4 th February 1813
Elizabeth Aubrey, father John, cabinet maker, and mother Catherine	19 th June 1816
Ellen Loder Aubrey, father John, cabinet maker, and mother Catherine	19 th March 1819

Burials in Holy Cross church, Cowbridge :

Catherine Aubrey 5th January 1812

Catherine Aubrey 16th May 1828 aged 52

John Aubrey 21st July 1854 aged 82

Recorded in the Glamorgan Family History Society booklets – from that society’s research.

The grave of the two Catherines is listed in the parish records as being within the church itself, in the chancel, but hidden under the subsequent chancel pews. This position suggests the family had some considerable status within the town. It is assumed that John Aubrey was buried in the same grave, but he is not mentioned in the listings. This could well have been because he was living alone in Cowbridge when he died, and for some years after his wife’s death, so there was no-one around in his family to have the tombstone inscribed with his name. Did his children all emigrate to the US early on in their lives? There seem no records of any in Cowbridge after, or even before, 1828 when Catherine died.

Addresses for John Aubrey in Cowbridge :

1800, 8th October 70 & 72 Eastgate - this property, owned by Edward Bates, was leased to John Aubrey, cabinet maker, on a 99 year lease. *Deeds of the property.*

1806-1816 45 High Street – John Aubrey renting this property *Burgage rentals*

1815 Mr Aubrey was at 45 High Street *Land tax assessments & deeds*

1822 In the Limes (just behind 70 & 72 Eastgate), John Aubrey, auctioneer, consented to the building of a cottage back wall against his property (citing the 1800 lease) *Deeds*

1822, 25th February The 99 year lease for 70 & 72 Eastgate was passed from John Aubrey to William Williams, tiler and plasterer. *Deeds*

1823 & 1830 John Aubrey, auctioneer *In Pigot’s trade directory*

In 1830 (two years after his wife’s death) John Aubrey was living at 10-12 Eastgate, owned by a Mr Laidlaw. These were two properties at that time, one ‘a ruin’, the other ‘a house& garden’. One of the properties was earlier recorded as housing a smith’s forge. Perhaps John Aubrey was using the properties for his cabinet making trade. He had moved from there however by 1831, possibly retiring from this trade as he would have been about 58 years of age.

Land tax assessments

1851 John Aubrey widower (annuitant – i.e. living on independent means) was lodging with grocer Thomas Rees and his wife Ann in Prince’s Buildings (45 High St and behind in Verity’s Court) *Census returns*

It would seem that John Aubrey used two properties in the town simultaneously – firstly 70/72 Eastgate, where perhaps he had a cabinet maker’s workshop (then 10-12 Eastgate higher up the street), and probably his main residence at 45 High St where he lived for most of his life in Cowbridge.

Betty Alden, January 2019